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## NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

**WC Docket No. 09-148** 

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of the shareholders of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. (Ardmore), Ardmore Communications LLC (Ardmore Communications), and Synergy Technology Partners, Inc. (Synergy) to transfer control of Ardmore from the current shareholders to Synergy. As part of this transaction, Ardmore Communications will merge with and into Ardmore with Ardmore being the surviving company. <sup>1</sup> No commenters opposed grant of the application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorization.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson-Parker at 202 / 418-1394, or Jodie May at 202 / 418-0913, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control and Transfer of Assets of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. and Ardmore Communications LLC, WC Docket No. 09-148, Public Notice, DA 09-1817 (rel. Aug. 14, 2009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation Application for Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 06-74, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 22 FCC Rcd 5662, 5715-22, paras. 97-111 (2007) (finding a transfer of control involving AT&T as a long distance provider operating in the in-region territory of an incumbent LEC to be in the public interest where the merger would not have an anti-competitive effect).